GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4308
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EXTENSION OF MINING LEASE
ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has recommended 20 years Mining Lease extension to Kudremukh Iron Ore Co. Ltd.;

(b) if so, whether it is true that the MOEF have curtailed the lease period to five years;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps the Government propose to take to rehabilitate Kudremukh work force after five years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): The Karnataka Government has submitted a proposal in 1999 for renewal of mining lease No. 909 over an area of 4605 ha. in favour of M`s. KIOCL in district Chickmagalur involving 3203.55 ha. forest land under the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. No final decision has been taken as yet on the proposal due to an ongoing Public Interest Litigation in the Supreme Court.

(d) Such an eventuality is not foreseen at present.